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1. FRANCE: US views on political crisis--The Department of State has expressed to Embassy Paris its concern over the possibility of a French governmental crisis. The Department suggests in view of the coming critical debates in the French Assembly on nationalized industries and social security that the Embassy at its discretion continue to impress on French political leaders the danger of engaging in political maneuvers which might have profoundly adverse effects on both French and European stability and recovery. In these conversations, the Department advises the Embassy to explain that the recent period of governmental stability in France has done much both to gain sympathy in the US for France's problems and to repair the damage to French prestige resulting from the chaotic period of political crisis during the summer of 1948.

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